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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Application for Extended Area Service Between the Towns of Inman, Campobello and

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Docket No. 2007-129-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Attached please find a letter received by our Executive Director, C. Dukes Scott from Representative Robert E. "Bob" Walker concerning the above referenced docket.

Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

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C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director State of South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff 1441 Main Street, Suite 300 Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Director Scott:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of local phone service for residents of the Landrum and Campobello communities to all of Spartanburg County. House Counsel has advised me that the appropriate protocol is to direct this request to you at the Office of Regulatory Staff and that you would assist in notifying all necessary parties of my request.

As a member of the House of Representatives, residing in Landrum, South Carolina, I represent District 38 in Spartanburg County. As you are aware, a public hearing was recently conducted on the issue of having telephone calls among residents of Landrum, Campobello and Inman deemed "local calls" for which no long distance charges would apply.

The considerable feedback I have received indicates that many of the citizens of these three communities where under an incorrect impression. Apparently, the Public Meeting was only considering the issue of removal of long distance charges for calls among Landrum, Campobello and Inman. However, many had believed that the meeting was also to consider the broader issue of extending local call service for Landrum and Campobello to all of Spartanburg County. Residents of Inman can already make a local call to all areas of Spartanburg County, whereas residents of Landrum and Campobello cannot do so.

My purpose is not to delay the process under consideration of eliminating long distance charges among the three communities, but simply to request that necessary steps be taken to obtain Commission approval for the extension of local calling service countywide for residents of Landrum and Campobello.

Thank you for your gracious assistance in this matter.

Robert E. "Bob" Walker

Very truly yours,

Donald C. (Don) Smith Second Vice Chairman

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